THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

WHAT THE CHURCH FOLK ARE THINKING ABOUT AND DOING.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

Big Business and Religion.

stalks deathless through the centuries, like the Wandering Jew. On the present occasion he is called Demetrius, the silversmith; sometimes he is known as "Vested Interests," sometimes as "The System;" sometimes as "Big Business;" always he claims special consideration from kings and church and parliament f and peasant; ever he is glib to profess rioted. any faith that may serve his own intermoment's most popular cause.

At the recent Christian Endeavor convention in St. Paul, Mr. William Jennings Bryan related how he had talked with a man concerning the subject of uniting with the church. The man at length confessed that the reason he could no become a Christian—while frankly aomitting that he should do so—was that he was engaged in a business which was inconsistent with the Christian religion, and given his choice between business and religion, he chose business. That is a twentieth century habit. Our times frankly delfy business. We are putting it above family relationship, personal health, and happiness, and above honor itself. It is not altogether an unknown thing for persons to unite with the church merely to further their own business interests.

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In the place of that town clerk we see standing, in many regions, brave officers of the law, who have not hesitated to face mobs in their madness, and who have offered their lives in defense of the orderly procedure of justice. For one grave shortcoming of our own times is the need pointed out by the town clerk of Ephesus, that all things should be done with respect to orderly legal procedure. Heal religion is the servant, of truth first, and then of law and order. Mob law is usually contrary to God's law.

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The crude, open, and unabashed fash-ion in which Americans exalt business above worthler considerations has an il-lustration in the present discussion conabove worther consideration in the present discussion concerning the Chinese railway loan. Some American financiers have expressed a desire to participate to the extent of a few million dollars in a loan to the Chinese government. The officials at Washington properties of the consists in its relationships. Apart from these, what we call life would be more existence. By the number of other United States have given more space to it than they have given more space to it than they have given for eight years past to all the varied and important interests of American missions in China, aithough the latter represent an infinitely greater investment. Thus do we disproportionately put the dollar first. Similarly, all the tariff discussion of recent months has had as its background the shrewd and sleepless insistence of vested interests for special consideration at the mands of law-makers. Every parliament on earth knows the power of big business in demanding more than common consideration. The golden dollar is the modern golden call. the power of big business in demanding more than common consideration. The golden dollar is the modern golden calf. SOME PRESENT-DAY DIANAS.

The popular Ephesian deity was Artemis, or Diana, the Goddess of Life, who was worshiped with vilest debaucheries. Her great idol, which was sold in miniature to the ceaseless stream of pilgrims. thus making a most productive industry, was the principal object of interest in the Shinto shriners of Yamada, in Ise, in the closet of meditation and prayer. Japan, or the Hindu temples at Benares. In all these places the commercial life of the city is interwoven with the worship and the pilgrimages. The entire popula

We need not go to heathen lands to find analogies. Present-day Christians have identified religion with institutions. Our interpretation and expression of Christianity has become confused with Christianity itself. Suppose it should appear to churches back to the simple meeting them. house of an older day? What an Ephesian riot in behalf of the churches and cathedrals would be created.

So most denominations have built up in tional headquarters. They not only receive, but seek entailed bequests; yet it is manifest that before many years many of the existing denominational lines must be abolished. Great mergers are coming among the churches; but see what barriers are erected by these property rights and by these professional positions. It is an open secret that the Northern Phesyterian Church and the Dutch Reformed Church do not unite, chiefly because the lawyers have said that the title to the immensely valuable Dutch Reformed properties would not hold valid in such nion. Likewise, the proposition that is being considered in several churches to consolid boards is meeting with shrewd and powerful opposition from the men whose positions might be imperiled. Is not this an exaltation of special interests above the free course of truth and the welfare of the kingdom?

DEMETRIUS, AND SOME OTHERS. This whole lesson hinges on the vital question of special interests cloaked by religion. Let us not rant about Ephesus, when in our own day Demetrius is flourishing in many quarters. Some of our denominations are honeycombed with ecclesiastical politics, which put the interests of individuals above the welfare of the church. Bishop Hamilton told the Philadelphia Methodist ministers, at the time of their last conference, that he was shocked by their self-seeking, and he bade them go home and practice what they preach. The Northern Presbyterian denomination lately took action in its high-est court against the use of tobacco by its members, but it had not a word to say concerning the Demetrius of eccleslastical political practices that would dis- Woolman was a Quaker tailor who lived grace the secular parties. In the name of his life with respect to the eternal verichurch must have new courage to cleanse vital that he may be said to have lived herself. Christianity must be pure before ever in an attitude of prayer. Because it can be powerful. Only a clean church he sat always at the feet of God, the can serve or save the world. With the men of this hurried age are now called relentlessness of righteousness, the sense seekers and special interests must be driven from individual churches and from the denominations.

Withheld by one old sin resigned that day. Conscience at night forbade his lips to pray, Ashamed that he his earth-stained voice should be a sense of the sense of

The mob that Demetrius raised at Ephe- In pardon's urgence or in guilty praise. sus, ostensibly in behalf of the goddess
Diana, cried for two hours, "Great is
Diana of the Ephesians!" Luke has drawn
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Bereft nicture of a mob—throaty,
Bereft his 'customed prayers for such as they. a perfect picture of a mob-throaty, headless, and subject to the leadership of any kind of rascals. The cry in behalf Its waking joy with hopeful note undimmed, of Diana was a false cry. It could be That prayerless night had blessed him 'neath its truly interpreted, "Great is our job!" Abdul Hamid raised the same cry in And on his knees he fell, a better man. behalf of orthodoxy when he sought to defeat the reform party. Every pretender to the unstable Moroccan throne lifts the banner of a "holy war." Predatory interests at Washington shout themselves the sacredness of the sacredness hoarse over the sacredness of the Constitution and the judiciary. All these are

They knew not wherefore they were come say, "Our Father," and the last lesson of together. They were as clay in the hands prayer is ability to say, "Thy will be The International Sunday School Lesson for August 22 is "Paul's Third Missionary Journey" thought that by much shouting they could prove their case; but truth is not established that way. In popular voting the devil has often had a majority. Truth stalks deathless through the centuries, the Nordente of the present of th

A MAN WHO WITHSTOOD A MOB. ests, and always is he clever in cloaking "Let us call in the town clerk of Ephe- answer prayer, but that you may answer his own specious pleas in the garb of the sus," quaintly remarks a preacher, when your own prayers by starting certain in family or church the discussion threat- mysterious thought-currents which react A mark of the wise man and the good ens to grow warm. For there are in upon your own personality. That is to citizen is ability to discern Demetrias in every situation usually a few level-headthe garb of capitalist or labor agita'or or ed persons who see beneath the pretenpolitician. It is well to remember that he sions of the demagogues, and inquire to prayers, without all this esoteric palayer? is not a patriot, but only a silversmith. the inner certainties of the matter. Such if men want to worship themseives—and Along with a wholesome trust in one's fellow-men should ever go a careful skepticism concerning the motives of popular agitators. For Demetrius is the worst foe of any people at any time.

THE MODERN GOLDEN CALP.

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Secret Springs of Power.

are existence. By the number of other interests than self, to which a spirit is related do we measure than they have given more space to it than they have given more space to it.

tunity.

Nobody's real life is lived in public. There is no more stupid fallacy than the one which assume that the career which is ever in the popular eye is the best one. All the springs of happiness and power flow from secret places. It is in the shelter of the home, in the private intercourse of friend with friend, in the unnoted communion with the great spirits who speak through the printed page, that one of the | who speak through the printed page, that |

> I tell Him all my sorrows; I tell Him all my joys; I tell Him all that pleases me; I tell Him what annoys. He tells me what I ought to do, He tells me what to try;

-Mrs. L. Shorey.

The magna charta of the united prayer sent out 379 student volunteers to the for-. . . . is this uttered by Jesus: "Again I eign mission field in the year 1908.

say unto you, that if two of you shall the fifteeth anniversary of the beginning of modern Christian missions in Jathe conscience of most Christians that organs should be abolished from the say unto you, that if two of you shall rches, or the reverse; or that all choirs agree on earth as touching anything that should be put into vestments. What a they shall ask, it shall be done for them pan will be celebrated in October by a should be put into vestments, what a they shall ask, it shall be done for them general missionary gathering in Tokyo.

Tokyo, what if the enlightened Chris, where two or three are gathered together.

At the recent assembly of the Presbyseriously, what if the enlightened Chris- where two or three are gathered together tian conscience of to-day should lead the in my name, there am I in the midst of

> Religion is not an ornament to be worn to the relation for men's beholding, but a treasure to be hidden in the heart for God's eye.

Wherever one can be alone with God a suitable prayer closet. A recent triking poem in "The Atlantic Monthly," ntitled "In the Subway," expresses this. he author is Charles Firkins:

For chilling pave and cheerless light, I who have lost the stars, the sod, Have made my meeting place with God A new and nether night—

Have found a fane where thunder fills Loud caverns, tremulous; and these Atone me for my reverend hills And moonlit silences.

Where men sit muted by the roar, I ride upon the whirring spark Beneath the city's floor.

Speed, speed! until the quivering rails Flash silver where the headlight glean As when on lakes the moon impales The waves upon its beams. Life throbs about me, yet I stand Outgazing on majestic Power;

You that 'neath country skies can pray, Scoff not at me—the city clod; My only respite of the day Is this wild ride—with God.

"John Woolman's Journal," designated have come under the ban of the Commis as one of the few books essential to culture, has set men to wondering who John Woolman was. Wherein is his greatness? Simply in his contact with God. John gospel that prevailed at Ephesus, the ties. His sense of God was so real and

When in the darks of dawn the first bird hymned

but new versions of "Great is Diana of everybody has the courage to make public who was formerly resident physician in Conference at Silver Bay. acknowledgment of his deliverance after- the Emergency Hospital, this city, and

goal than man had ever gone before, has publicly declared his gratitude for deliverance from many perils by the interposition of a special Providence. He writes:
"It was during those periods that some Power beyond our own guided our footsteps. If we acknowledged this, as we did, down among the ice floes, it is only fitting that we should remember it now when the same Power has brought us safe home through all these troubles and

The first lesson of prayer is ability to

"subconscious ego." Stripped of its verbiage, this notion is that God does not

Mob law is usually contrary to God's law. tucky, and West Virginia.

The recent Portland meetings of the Baptist societies has resulted in a general

seven wonders of the world. Somewhat men and women truly live. And one's reanalogous to that ancient situation is ligion is not measured by public activities, but the hidden nurture of the soul mobiles. The preaching is done by city conducting open-air meetings from auto-mobiles. The preaching is done by city pastors and the automobiles are furnished ov members of the brotherhoods who likewise provide the band of workers for

> The new Congressional church at Washington, of which President Taft recently laid the corner stone, is to cost \$52,000 and it is to be broadly institutional, providing facilities for recreation and amuse nent, as well as for worship.

> terian Church in New South Wales, the premier of the Australian commonwealth ddressed the Assembly on the subject f the relation of the labor movement

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS

Some defeats are only installments of ictory.—Jacob A. Rils.
The true, strong, and sound mind is the nind that can embrace equally great things and small.-Boswell.

Sow a thought, reap an act; Sow an act, reap a habit; Sow a habit, reap a character; Sow a character, reap a destiny.

Religion is not a lot of things that a man does, but a new life that he lives; not a thing for weak souls, but a thing net a thing for weak souls, but a thing for the manliest soul.—Phillips Brooks. And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. —Psalmist.

Every task, however simple, sets the soul that does it free; Every deed of love and mercy done to r I raised such men as had the fear of God before them, as made some con-science of what they did, and from that day forward, I must say to you that they were never beaten .- Caiver Cromwell.

BAN ON NOISY RELIGION.

Loud Exhorting Services Must Be

noisy amusements on private property sioners, who have ordered a police regulaion to prohibit these noise producers, uness a permit is granted, in which threefourths of the residents of the neighborgood give their consent.

neighborhoods make nights hideous with organized. religious meetings, conducted until after. The Chr

The new police regulation prohibiting preaching, concerts, dances, and other the society partook of a picnic supper amusements without the consent of a majority of the residents of the section Church, in Benning, and afterward con-

Soldiers Get Bravery Medals.

in the Philippines or in Cuba, five of-We see this Ephesian mob swarming ward. The young British explorer, Lieut. First Lieut. George C. Shaw, Twenty-hither and thither like a hive of bees. Shackleton, whose recent dash for the seventh United States Infantry,

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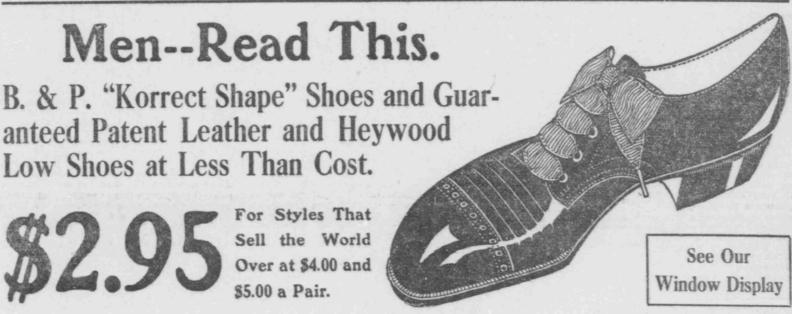
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siness meeting last Monday evening

Ninth Street Christian Church held

Miss Anna Ayres, vice president, pre

sided, and Miss Virginia L. Raymond

gave a further account of her impres-sions of the St. Paul convention.

Topic for Sunday evening: Pilgrim's Progress Series. VIII. Two Valleys.

Psalms xxii:1-8; Mic. vil:7-8; Romans

Will Give Basket Picnie.

The Senior and Junior Christian En-

Rev. Dr. J. Milton Waldron, the pastor

CHURCH NOTICES.

PRESBYTERIAN.

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Connecticut ave. and N st. Charles Wood, minister.

Tyler Dennett, assistant minister.

James M. Henry, minister of Peck Chapel,
Special music: Miss Flora McGill, contralto

16th and Monroe sts. Tyler Dennett, director.

of Shiloh Baptist Church

Baptist Church

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OPEN-AIR CHOIR ORGANIZED

Christian Endeavorers Aid in Outdoor Services.

Silver Bay Conference Delegates Return to Washington-New Society Organized.

The North Carolina Avenue Methodist of Shiloh Baptist Church will give an all-

Protestant Christian Endeavor Society day basket picnic to the parents and is not holding its usual Sunday evening friends of the church and school at Fair Open-air preaching, or exhorting religious services, band concerts, dances, or noisy amusements on private or properties into the members have organized wednesday. themselves into a choir, and hold an outdoor song service for half an hour mmediately preceding the evening church

Miss Anna Hughes, of the First Con- Home"), hwas been given a vacation of gregational Christian Endeavor Society, thirty days, beginning on Monday has returned from her visit to Silver ing his absence Rev. William H. Moses, Bay, where she attended the Missionary assistant corresponding secretary of the This action is the result of a protest by Walter Allen, of 1434 B street southsociety a report of the conference in the Baptist Convention, will supply the pulpit. east, and George S. Chase, of Fifteenth fall, when many of those now away from and L streets northwest, both of whom the city on vacations have returned and complain that negro residents of their the mission study class has again been

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Mr. Allen says he has a sick Vermont Avenue Christian Church met child, who is greatly annoyed, and whose for its business session Tuesday evening life is endangered by the prolonged noise.

Mr. Chase complains of the continuous performance of an alleged brass band in his section connected with a negro social.

The meeting was well attended, and the his section connected with a negro social. his section, connected with a negro social business meeting was followed by games Wednesday evening sixteen members of

Sunday evening service: 7:30 p. m., musical service;
Miss Lydia Hughes, soprano; Mr. Ernest Lent,
'cello; Mrs. Florence King Salin, accompanist.
8 p. m., Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, of the First
Presbyterian Church, will preach. where they are to be held, provides a fine of \$40 for each offense.

Church, in Benning, and the ducted the evening prayer service at the church. Mr. C. C. Reif, chairman of the prayer meeting committee, had charge NEW YORK AVE, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. For gallant conduct in action while the Philippines or in Cube during the Philippines or in Cube during the service, and special music was furnished by the society's mixed quartet. in the Philippines or in Cuba, five of-ficers and two enlisted men have been awarded medals of honor. Two of the this week from Silver Bay and a New Church, Covington, Ky. No evening service, Music led by Thomas L. Jones, precentor, and Ernest Lent, violin. -Martha Gilbert Dickinson Bianchi.

Exerybody prays in extremity. But not everybody has the courage to make rubile.

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BEREAN BIBLE CLASS. 9th st. nw., will be addressed by Isaac Hoskins, as-acciate paster of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Taber-nacle, on Sunday, August 15, at 7:30 p. m. Christ-

CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW IN WASHINGTON AND ITS VICINITY.

Notices for these columns should reach The Herald office by 9 p. m. Friday.

EPISCOPAL.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, 18th, near Dupont Circle. Services, 8 and 11 a. m.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, Mass. ave. and

T. PAUL'S CHURCH, 20th st., near Washington

Circle. Rev. Robert Palbot, rector; Rev. W Morrison, assistant. Services Sunday, August 15: Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.; Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.; evensong, 8 p. m. Rev. W. H. Morrison will preach at the 11 o'clock service. PEOPLE'S OPEN-AIR EVENSONG ON CATHE-PEOPLE'S OPEN-AIR EVENSONG ON CATHERdral grounds, Mount St. Alban, at 4 p. m., August 15. Special preacher, Rev. Henry A. Brown,
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Rev. G. Calvert Carter, rector; Rev. J. R. Bick-Dell, curate. Sundays, 7:30 and 11 a, m. Week-days: Holy days, 7 and 11 a, m.; every Thursday,

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BEREAN BIBLE CLASS, Pythian Temple, 1012 By Prof. J. Flugh Keeley, 1666 Rhede Island ave. nw., at 6 p. m. each Sunday. Subject for August 15, "As to the subconscious mind." The same subject at 8 p. m., at 209 East Capitol st. Pa-

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

HAMLINE M. E. CHURCH, 8th and P sts. no. Rev. Charles E. Guthrie, pastor. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; II a. m. and 8 p. m., preaching

Sunday School, if a m. and 5 p. m., preschange by Rev. W. G. McKinney; 7 p. m., open-air service, conducted by the Epworth League, at the following places: Iowa Circle, engine house, R. st., bet. 9th and 10th sts; R. I. ave and Columbia, st.; 8th and O sts., and 1136 Bladensburg road, 7:30 p. m., song service on church lawn. Public invited to all services. FOUNDRY M. E. CHURCH, 16th and Church ais, Rev. Robert M. Moore, D. D., pastor; Rev. C. E., Wise, assistant pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a, m.g public worship, at 11 a, m. and 8 p. m., with sermons by the assistant pastor. All welcome,

BAPTIST,

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, cor. 10th and N sts. nw. Rev. A. F. Anderson will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. a Young People's meeting, 6:45 p. m.

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CONGREGATIONAL.

MT. PLEASANT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Columbia road and 14th st. nw. Public service at 11 a. m., with sermon by Rev. S. M. Newman, D. D.; Sunday school, at 9:45 a. m.; Christian Endeavor meeting, at 7 p. m. No evening preaching

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, cor and G sts, nw. Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, D. D. pastor; Rev. Samuel R. Swift, assistant pastor. It a. m., public worship, with sermon by the assistant pastor, subject: "A famine of God's word." Music by the chorus choir. 9:45 a. m., Sunday school; 7:30 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. No evening

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE,

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 15th and R. sts. nw. Services: Sunday, 10:50 a. Subject: "SOUL." Sunday school, 11 a. m.; Wednesday evening meeting 8 o'clock, Public cordially invited, All seats free. Free reading room, 804 Colorado Bing.